

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 391

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of Hendersonville Medical Center on the occasion of the hospital's thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of those hospitals and healthcare institutions that have contributed to the health and well-being of this State's citizens; and

WHEREAS, unrivaled in their dedication to quality patient care, the physicians and staff of the Hendersonville Medical Center (HMC) have been serving the citizens of Sumner County and the surrounding area for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, understanding the need for a top quality hospital in the Sumner County area, several key individuals were instrumental in the development of Hendersonville Medical Center including the former mayor of Hendersonville, Charles Kimbrough; former state representatives for Sumner County, Jack Burnett and John Steinhauer; and the hospital's first administrator, Charles Moore; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, a certificate of need for a hospital in Hendersonville was approved and, soon afterward, Hendersonville Community Hospital opened as part of Hospital Affiliates International; and

WHEREAS, after its purchase by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) in the early 1980s, the facility's name was changed to Hendersonville Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, after completing the \$9.2 million dollar construction and renovation projects of the Emergency Room (ER) and Intensive Care Unit, the facility was renamed as the Hendersonville Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Hendersonville Medical Center underwent another year of tremendous growth in 2003 with the addition of \$13 million dollars in renovations to the surgery capabilities of the medical center and the addition of a third medical office building to accommodate the growing physician base; and

WHEREAS, after achieving chest pain accreditation in 2003, HMC became one of the first hospitals in the nation to offer cardiac calcium scoring, offering cardiac patients better care with the ability to take a digital photograph of the heart; and

WHEREAS, as the only medical center in Sumner County with chest pain accreditation, HMC can provide individuals who come to the ER with chest pain a thirty-seven percent higher rate for surviving a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, the HMC campus grew again in 2004 when the Outpatient Imaging Center opened; and

WHEREAS, during its thirty years of care in the Sumner County area, more than 16,000 babies have been delivered at HMC; and

WHEREAS, today, HMC has a dedicated mission to meet the unique needs of the patients and, throughout the hospital's thirty years, the patients of HMC have benefitted from capable staff, nurses, doctors, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, several physicians have been with HMC throughout its three decades; these physicians are Dr. David Jewett, Dr. George Murphy, Dr. Helen Burks, Dr. Ron Rice, Dr. William Binkley, and Dr. K. M. Ananadiah; and

WHEREAS, several noteworthy staff members have also been with HMC since its inception, including Lynda Morris, Jim Oliver, Karol Witherow, Jean Sisco, Nancy Lee, Connie Jones, and Trish Fuller; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of every Tennessean is of paramount importance, and the people of this State are fortunate indeed to be served by the caring professionals of Hendersonville Medical Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and

administrators of Hendersonville Medical Center on the occasion of the hospital's thirtieth anniversary, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.